

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

Delete the Abstract in its entirety and replace with the following new Abstract:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

--A method and network elements for transmission of data packets in a data packet network, wherein at least a delivery order attribute (DOA) is detected as a parameter for transmission of data packets, and whether the DOA parameter is set is determined. If the DOA parameter is set, a traffic class of transmitted data packets is determined and the transmitted data packets are processed dependent on the determined traffic class. In addition, a method is used to set the DOA as a parameter for transmission of data packets in a packet data network.--